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FOR MCCALL FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REF PARA 4 STATE 147628, GREENBERG INFORMED AYKAZYAN
JUNE 15 THAT FRANK PRESS PLANS TO STAY AT SPASO HOUSE
DURING JCM. AYKAZYAN TOOK NOTE, INDICATING THIS PRESENTS
NO PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIETS.

2. FOR LEN WILLEMS FROM BOB MILLS: GREATLY APPRECIATE
YOUR HELP. YOU CAN CONTACT CAROLYN AT (404) 255-8183
IN ATLANTA. PPT TELEGRAM SAID THEY CONTACTING HER RE
PASSPORT AND I ADVISED CAROLYN BY TELEPHONE JUNE 5 TO
CALL YOU AND GEORGE SCANLAN FOR DETAILS. HOWEVER, WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE YOU CALL AND CHECK WHERE THINGS STAND NOW
IF YOU COULD.

3. FOR DAVID SWARTZ FROM ROBIN PORTER: I FEEL THAT THE
APPARENT TIMING OF PERSONNEL CHANGES IN KIEV THIS SUMMER
WILL RESULT IN LESS THAN DESIRABLE CONTINUITY AND WANTED
TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION IN DETAIL.

A. I EXPECT TO DEPART KIEV JULY 7. I UNDERSTAND YOU
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WILL ARRIVE IN MID-JULY. JEFF WHITE WILL LEAVE
JULY 17 AND HARLOW CARPENTER, WE UNDERSTAND, IS NOW
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AUGUST 7 OR 8. NEITHER YOU NOR
CARPENTER PLAN AN OVERLAP.

B. VLAD SAMBAIEW WILL BE ABSENT FROM KIEV JULY 26 TO
AUGUST 3 ON SCHEDULED HELSINKI COURIER RUN. SAMBAIEW,

WHO HAS EYE PROBLEMS, WILL HAVE BEEN ON MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS IN COPENHAGEN FOR ALL OF JUNE.

C. GENA MILLS, ADMIN ASSISTANT, APPARENTLY WILL BE SOLE AMERICAN AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARIAL TASKS IN KIEV FROM JULY ONE UNTIL RONA SHARP'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN OCTOBER. FOR MOST OF OUR TIME HERE WE HAVE HAD THREE AMERICAN SECRETARIES WORKING FULLTIME.

D. BOB AND GENA MILLS' RELATIVES WILL BE VISITING KIEV JULY-AUGUST. THE MILLS PLAN TRAVEL IN THE UKRAINE WITH FAMILY JULY 21-25, AUGUST 4-9 AND AUGUST 17-22. ADDITIONALLY, FROM AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 7 THE MILLS WILL BE ON HELSINKI COURIER RUN.

E. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MILLS OR SAMBAIEW WILL BE ON HAND FROM MID-JULY INTO AUGUST, AND BOB MILLS IS READY TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON CALLS AT MFA AND GORISPOLKOM, AND ON CONSULAR COLLEAGUES, DURING PERIOD JULY 15-21.

F. WHILE THIS ORDER OF THINGS WILL PERMIT HOUSEKEEPING OPERATIONS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT LACK OF OVERLAP AND DELAY IN SHARP'S ARRIVAL WILL BE ADDITIONAL OBSTACLES TO SMOOTH TURNOVER AND NECESSARY MONITORING OF RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL BE ENTERING CRUCIAL PERIOD. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, I URGE YOU SPECIFICALLY TO ADVANCE
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CARPENTER'S ARRIVAL DATE, IF POSSIBLE TO PERMIT OVERLAP WITH WHITE IN KIEV OR ALTERNATIVELY ARRANGE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEM IN WASHINGTON AFTER WHITE'S ARRIVAL THERE JULY 27. SIMILARLY, I BELIEVE SHARP'S ARRIVAL SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED. BEST REGARDS.

4. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD AN EXPRESSION OF EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER CONTINUITY PROBLEMS IN KIEV AND HOPE THAT NOT EVERYONE WILL INSIST ON PLACING PERSONAL CONVENIENCE AHEAD OF A CLEAR OFFICIAL NEED.

5. WE MUST SAY FRANKLY THAT WE EXPECTED MORE SOLID SUPPORT FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN MOSCOW 13756 THAN IS APPARENT IN PARA 2 OF STATE 153112. WE HAVE AN INNOCENT MAN IN JAIL HERE AND A VERY NERVOUS BUSINESS COMMUNITY. UNLESS OUR REACTION GOES BEYOND MERE WORDS (PARA 1, STATE 153112) WE HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF ALLEVIATING THE SITUATION. EACH OF THE STEPS WE RECOMMENDED - AND WE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE DID NOT URGE ALL OF THEM AT ONCE - WAS CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT TO MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITY TO SOVIETS FOR RETALIATION. BEFORE ONE SPEAKS GLIBLY OF "RAPID ESCALATION OF RETALIATION AND COUNTERRETALIA-

TION," THE REAL POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH A REACTION SHOULD BE EXAMINED. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT THE SOVIET COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN THE U.S. IS BLOATED, GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF BUSINESS, AND WE STAND ONLY TO GAIN BY MOVING TO CORRECT THE SITUATION. OTHERWISE, WE SHALL FALL INTO THE SYNDROME OF REFUSING TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS BOTH WHEN RELATIONS ARE GOOD ("WE DON'T WANT TO SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE") AND WHEN THEY ARE BAD ("WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE"). YOU CAN EXPECT A STRONG FIGHT FROM HERE AGAINST SUCH A MISTAKEN APPROACH.

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6. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEALED LETTERS FROM CONGRESSMAN JOHN L. BURTON ADDRESSED TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV AND "MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR "NIKOLAY SHCHELOKOV. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S OFFICE ABOUT THEIR CONTENTS. MATLOCK

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